# BOOKS OF THE WEEK SEEN IN REVIEW AND COMMENT

### CRITICAL REVIEWS OF THE SEASON'S LATEST BOOKS

A Story of Slow Revelations from Miss Sidgwick's Delicate Pen-A Pleasing Southern Tale.

Rebel Adventures-The Sinn Fein Movement-About Trees-Other Subjects.

It is something to know pretty soon

hole. He was not remarkable for his

powers of fluent speech, but he called

out: "I say, your sandbag's bleedin'." and Mrs. Redgate said, almost passion ately the story declares: "Oh, Iveagh, get a needle!" They were on a country road. The sand was dreadfully

leaving the bag. "There is nothing," says the story, "unless death to equal

for inevitability fine heavy sand once

it begins to exude. It poured, it lapsed,

it fled away. The sack's hours were numbered." So the story says, but we

mustn't be too greatly frightened.

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MATCHWAYS. (Small, Maynard & erously refrain from being luminous Co.) By Ethel Sidgwick.

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it's only her beautiful, beautiful man-ners all put on! Tell me you haven't forgotten, my angel, the times we had in the ferns when you would eat them?" It is for the reader to decide whether Bees, unmarried, less viva-cious, was as adorable as Lise.

ANCHORAGE. (Charles Scribner's Sons.) By Florence Cimstead. (81.35.)

Miss Olmstead has placed the scenes of her story in a little Southern town and has made a gallant, a likable old country doctor and a talkative mail pleasing characters and just such as the conditions might develop. But besides these she has drawn well and deftly the character of her hero. semi-invalid, a poet, sensitive and talented, and of a sweet, noble woman who had devoted herself to him. The world had moved serenely with them, that Gabriel du Frettay, the young vishe writing and studying under her eniter from France, hopes to meet in couragement and inspiration, and it ways" (Small, Maynard and Company. England a Bishop, a Baconian, a col- might so have continued had it not Boston) is like one of those puzzles lege undergraduate, an Orangeman been for the appearance of a beautiful society loving young girl. It was this joyous creature of extreme femininity Perhaps not much light is thrown ber of small and utterly mysterious upon the character of Mrs. Redgate, that, curiously enough, brought the places together in order to make a pic-concerning whom the oracular Sir shadow of tragedy into the lives of all ture. A good guesser gets along best George arouses great curiosity, by the incident of the bag of sand, purchased ing where the hero finds a safe anchorpicture to a finish, and it is well for by Mrs. Redgate in London for her age, and one that had always lain so close at hand. neighbor the duchess, which was found

nick of time and Mrs. Redgate sewed of his station in life. He had never up the hole. and had a certain vague feeling that too subtly, the several characters are the act was a physical impossibility revealed to the reader. The young without a preceding offer of marriage visitor from France was a profound | The chrysalis of this modest little The chrysalis of this modest little psychologist. When the lovely young life was ruptured forever by the adwife, back from India, was reunited vent of the lady with the dark golden with Emer, her saddle horse, the scene hair. This lady had a husband with in part was as follows: "Wreathed in a penchant for shop girls, and it was Lise's white arms Emer endeavored all by way of a vicarious sacrifice that she knew to return her kisses. Such she practically abducted the gasping as Emer are sadly handicapped when Mr. Francis from the silk counter and it comes to kissing, but snuffing and took him to Churchill's for dinner, and mumbling with velvet lips she did her then to a luxurious hotel suite. His 'Oh, she's being polite-oh, she's complete innocence and helplessness being polite to me,' moaned Lise, her finally deterred her from her fell pur-

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Mary Roberts Rienhart The Alter of Freedom (Houghton Mifflin)

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A REBEL REEFER. (Houghton Mimin (\$3.)

The author does not take himself or his adventures too seriously, and thus he has given his recital a breeziness and sense of humor that make the book pleasant reading. His life was a busy one and replete with the incidents, encounters and adventures that seem naturally to have grown out of the days in which he lived and worked. "I had as little to do with shaping the course of my life as an empty bottle thrown overboard in midocean," he says. From fifteen to nineteen he spent "tied to a sword and in the midst of a most cruel civil war." On the old

blockads runner Georgia he had some thrilling adventures that he tells so imply and convincingly that they form captivating sea stories. He met and knew many of the leaders of the Southern Confederacy and gives us an intimate view of them. His experiences include service in the Khedive's Egyptian army, a residence in Mexico as the representative of American interests and a term as Consul-General to Australia. But a part of the recollections upon which he places little stress, but which is of more than passing interest, is the life on the old Southern plantations and of the period

Prancis P. Jones. (\$2.)

interesting as it is partisan; one or asphyxiating bombs. The seeds look the other of these comments must be like oats. The smell makes the eyes clovernment, diplomats, captains of intory of the Sinn Fein Movement and painful. the Irish Rebellion of 1916" (Kenedy).

distort horribly the sufficiently un-pleasant sounds of the conflict. But this much must be said of Mr. Jones's Co.) By James Morris Morgan, work, that whatever it is it is bold without disguise-also without swagger-and that it is a clear and

gallant composition. Even hostile readers must give this author credit for his style. And, whether readers are pleased or angered by it, there is dignity and not Orange files in triumph over a free and independent Irish republic." Whether it is a good guide or an ignis fatuus. Francis P. Jones certainly does "follow the gleam" with an arder truly Gaelic.

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It may be that the immense cypress being sure. It is at least five or six Dutton & Co. thousand years of age, every expert agrees. Of course the United States has many trees three or four thousand years old.

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Here is no fine balancing of the merits ing and picturesque facts are enter-preme and most brilliant authority of the case between England and Ireland. Here rather is a song of tri- Mr. Fitch, who dedicate their volume umph in defeat, a hymn of righteous to Col. Roosevelt as "America's fore-rebellion, an exaltation of the mem-most naturalist." The chapter headory of martyred friends of freedom.
Not for a moment do the historian's sympathles waver; never does he measure the words of his indictment or moderate the praises of his heroes.

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importance of trees to civilization, is the one which Col. Roosevelt would put stress upon, and rightly. The book is handsomely illustrated with thirty two unusual photographs and four color plates. Its most serious defect is the lack of an index. Such a book hould never be without one.

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and "The Altar of Freedom" is the
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frank story of her waverings and that has been written about last year's final conviction as to what constituted troubles in Ireland it is exceedingly her duty. "Personal service the mothers difficult to have patience; the echoes of this country must learn," she says "and personal service is not rolling bandages for the other woman's sone Mrs. Rinehart's book will bring courage and inspiration to every mother of sons in this country.

#### BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

A curious and timely volume has been written by Francis Gribble on "Women in War," for which he has ransacked ancient and modern history in search of gered by it, there is dignity and not mere bombastic gesture in the pages through which the eager pen travels to its uncompromising declaration that the Irish "nation" "will carry on the fight till the Green, White and Orange files in triumph over a free and there are lively accounts of Boadicea, the maid of Saragossa, Mattide of Tuscany, the Duchesse de Berry and the sarage will as of the page. tide of Tuscary, the Fluchesse de Berry and many others, as well as of the part taken by women in the religious wars after the Reformation, in the British army in the wars of the Fronde and in Napoleon's march on Russia. In fact, he shows that there have been so many of these martial ladies that it is re-THE HUMAN SIDE OF TREES. of these martial ladies that it is re(Frederick A. Stokes Company.)

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classed as the non-fighting sex. By Royal Dixon and Franklyn are chapters devoted also to women wi have inspired wars without actually taking part in them, to women who have shown courage and fortitude in tree in the little village of Santa Maria the face of great danger and to women dei Tule, Oaxaca, Mexico, is the oldest as war nurses and as pacifists. The tree in the world. There's no way of book will be published shortly by E. P.

Isaac F. Marcosson, whose new book "The War After the War" has just been published, has returned to London after what seems likely to be the largest in France as the guest of Field Marshs Southern plantations and of the period of reconstruction that followed the war.

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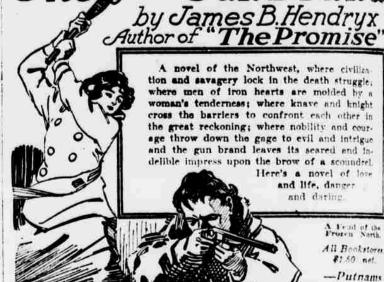
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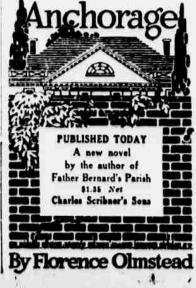
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